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SUBJECT: FONMIN OFFICIAL'S QUERY ON IAHRM MEETING IN
WASHINGTON

REF: BUENOS AIRES 3719

1. THE DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES EMBASSY BUENOS AIRES REPORT-
ING A GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL'S ADVERSE COMMENTS ON IAHRM
COMMISSIONER PROF. TOM J. FARER. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT
THESE ATTACKS MAY OCCUR IN OTHER CAPITALS AND WE ARE
THEREFORE REPEATING THE CABLE AND THIS REPLY TO SELECTED
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2. THE USG NOMINATED FARER TO THE IAHRM BECAUSE IT HAD
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HIGH REGARD FOR HIS PROFESSIONALISM, INTELLIGENCE AND
DEDICATION. WE KNEW OF HIS COMMITMENT TO HUMAN RIGHTS.
WE REGARD THIS
AS PLUS AND NOT A MINUS.

3. AS IS PROPER, FARER COMMUNICATES WITH US ONLY IN GENERAL
TERMS REGARDING MATTERS OF LEGITIMATE INTEREST TO THE USG.

IF OTHER COMMISSIONERS ARE COMMUNICATING WITH GOVERNMENTS REGARDING POLICY MATTERS WE REGARD THAT AS IMPROPER. HE HAD NOT TOLD US, FOR EXAMPLE, OF ANY CONTEMPLATED PROPOSAL FOR THE IAHRC TO VISIT ARGENTINA. OUR GENERAL IMPRESSION

IS THAT FARER WORKS WELL WITH ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT ANY RESPONSIBLE PERSON WHO IS FAMILIAR WITH HIS WORK AND HAD A BALANCED VIEW ON HUMAN RIGHTS WOULD ACCUSE FARER OF BEING "RASH AND UNFRIENDLY" TOWARDS ARGENTINA. THE CHARGE THAT FARER HAS POLITICAL OR PUBLIC RELATIONS MOTIVES APPEARS TO US COMPLETELY UNJUSTIFIED. HIS ACTIVITIES ARE LARGELY CONFINED TO ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL CIRCLES.

4. YOU ARE FREE TO DRAW ON FOREGOING IN FUTURE DISCUSSIONS.

5. FYI. GIVEN ARGENTINA'S RECENT RECORD ON HUMAN RIGHTS IT WOULD APPEAR VERY NORMAL THAT THE IAHRC WOULD BE CONSIDERING A VISIT TO ARGENTINA. WHETHER FARER HAS TAKEN SUCH AN INITIATIVE IS UNKNOWN TO US AND IT IS UP TO THE COMMISSION TO MAKE SUCH A DECISION. THE UNITED STATES DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT A REQUEST FROM THE IAHRC TO VISIT ARGENTINA WOULD CONSTITUTE A "CONFRONTATION". SUCH A VISIT WOULD EMPHASIZE THE MULTILATERAL NATURE OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE IN THE WORLD, DIMISH THE BILATERAL ASPECTS AND EMPHASIZE THE INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATORY WORK OF THE IAHRC. END FYI. VANCE

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